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NOVELTY - A configuration apparatus has a model representing configuration of at least a control system and system which is controlled by control system. The apparatus maintains a record of changes made to model or to at least one of the configuration represented by the model. The model is composed of multiple objects that represent entities within the controlling system or the controlled system.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - The objects represent field devices, control devices, control processors, blocks, loops, object type categories, object connections, parameter connection display placeholders, graphical display entities and reports. The configuration apparatus comprises multiple versions such as current version, prior historical version, offline version and online version of the objects. An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for control system configuring method.

USE - For use in manufacturing sector for process, repetitive and discrete manufactures. Also used widely in utility and other service industries. For environmental controls used in residential, commercial, institutional and industrial settings and for control used in article manufacture from

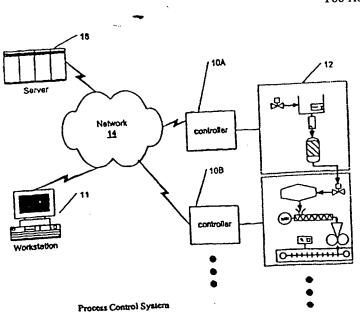
toasters to aircraft.

ADVANTAGE - Tracing of genealogy of objects forward and backward entirely which represents each object's life cycle is permitted. Necessity for updating references to an object, while editing the object each time, is eliminated. Since online version of object is updated for correspondence with new version of offline object, online and offline databases are synchronized.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the schematic view of digital data processing apparatus of process control system. (369pp

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